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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 5, 2008
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to May 5, 2008 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 5, 2008 Office Action was due August 5, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The required fee for a two-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$490.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a two-month extension of time, a response to the May 5, 2008 Office Action is now due October 5, 2008. However, since October 5, 2008 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday, October 6, 2004, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 7.